STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MACON)
VILLAGE OF BLUE MOUND)

REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2026

The Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Scott Younger. Roll call indicated the following Board Members present:

Trustees:	Rick Moma, Jeanette Crackel, Jeffery Reed Jr., Phil Jacobs, Terre Moma & Ross Carls
Absent:	Katie Nashland (Clerk)
President:	Scott Younger
Employees:	Mackenzie Reed, Chadd Peden & Chief Chad Lamb
Attorney:	Andy Bourey
Visitors:	Margaret Sandberg, Butch & Betty Smith

After the meeting was called to order and attendance recorded, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were distributed and reviewed for the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2026. **Jeffery Reed Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented. Phil Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

Treasurers Report:

- Mackenzie Reed provided the Board Members with copies of the transaction detail report for August 2026. **Rick Moma made a motion to accept the bills as presented. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**
- Due to computer issues, Mackenzie was unable to provide the monthly budget report for August 2026. Mackenzie will make sure August 2026 is included in the monthly budget report that will be distributed at the next board meeting.
- (3) residents were shut off on 9/2/2026 due to non-payment of their water bill that was originally due on 8/15/2026. All residents that were shut off for non-payment have been reconnected and a $35.00 reconnect fee was applied to each of these accounts.
- Cash Deposits in August 2026 – $3,769.00 Total Cash Deposited
- No Building Permits were issued in the month of August 2026.
- Mackenzie advised that the audit for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025, has been completed by Michael Coffman, CPA and Mackenzie provided copies of the Annual Financial Report to each of the Board Members.
- Mackenzie advised that she took the audit information for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026, to Michael Coffman, CPA and he is working on it.

- Sam.gov – Mackenzie is still working on getting our account renewed. She is having trouble finding a contact directly to Sam.gov. She found a contact, but it was a third party, and she was not aware and they tried to charge for their services. The charge did not go through, and Mackenzie cancelled the debit card, and we were issued a new debit card by First National Bank of Pana in Blue Mound, IL.

Public Works - Water/Sewer Report – presented by Chadd Peden

- **August 2026 Projects**
  - Paint Hydrants – Charlie has painted all the fire hydrants in town and they are all working.
  - Work & Trim Alleys
  - Crosswalks for School
  - Spray Weeds
  - Meeting with Jack Kemper – regarding alarm system out at the Well.
  - Rock at First National Bank of Pana
  - Service Line at Trimble Apartments
  - Meter Reads
  - Fixed the Tile at the Ballfield
  - Locate Valves in Road
  - Start Cutting Valves & Raising Them
  - Spray for Bugs
  - (4) on Shut Off List - Mackenzie shows we only shut off (3) because someone came in and paid prior to the guys shutting them off.
  - Set New Speed Limit Sign on Seiberling
  - Monday 9/8/2026 was Labor Day – Office Closed
  - Charlie Stickel Attended a Water Conference in Springfield, IL – 9/15/26 through 9/18/26
  - Cut Water Service at 112 S. Prairie
  - Replace Meters
- **September 2026 Projects**
  - Change Non-Working Meters
  - Locate & GIS Valves & Services
  - Cut More Valves & Raise Them
  - Valves in Streets
  - GIS
  - Help Monte with Ditch on Saint Marie – Monte called in the locate on 9/11/2026.
  - Aerator for Lift Station by Water Tower – Chadd Peden presented a quote for an Aerator which he & Charlie Stickel believe will fix the issue they keep having with the pump tripping due to grease build up. Per Chadd, he received (17) calls on Sunday, 9/13/2026, from the system at the Lift Station due to the pump tripping. The Aerator quote is from USA Bluebook and the cost to purchase the Aerator would be $2,500.00 (Two Diffusers with Two Weighted Tubing Rolls). They believe that it would roughly cost around

$292.89/per year to run the Aerator. Before purchasing, Scott Younger would like Charlie Stickel to call around to see if any other towns use this to see if it is going to fix our issue. When Charlie gets feedback, he will need to meet with Scott to discuss. If he found good feedback and it has been discussed with Scott, the board has agreed to purchase the Aerator. **Jeffery Reed Jr. made a motion to purchase the Agitator/Aerator System per the quote presented depending on good feedback & Village President Scott Younger's final approval. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes.**

- Aqua Service, Inspect & Test Softeners at Water Plant.
- Work on Alleys with Harley Rake – Chadd said it is going well and it is doing a good job on the alleys.

- **Miscellaneous**
  - Working with Mark Bingham on Water Plant Grant and Sewer Lift Station.
  - 1974 Galion Grader 503L - Chadd asked if they could get approval to sell this piece of equipment. He said it does not run and has no brakes. It has been sitting at the sewer plant in the weeds. It is gas and has a cab with windows & doors. The board did not see any issue with selling the grader by sealed bid. Scott said he would like to do some research to see what the minimum bid should be before listing it for sale.
  - Lead Line Inventory – Chadd was unsure of how many surveys Charlie has received back from the residents. Discussed having an engineering firm from Springfield, IL come in to complete the inventory so we can apply for grants to help pay to replace the lead lines. The funding for lead/galv. service line replacement ends on 9/1/2027. Replacements must be completed sometime between the years 2030-2033. Chadd did not have the exact date of the deadline.
  - Route 48 Hydrant Removal – The hydrant by River Coffee Co. is set to be removed around the 1st or 2nd week in October 2026.
  - Hydrant Flushing will be done in October 2026.

Police Report: a written Shift Detail Report distributed showing 279.62 hours for August 2026

Village of Blue Mound

Patrolling:	165.35 hrs. + 54.45 in-office hrs.
Complaints:	7 ea.
Ordinance Violations:	3 ea.
Training:	N/A

During the month of August 2026, there were 13 Traffic Stops, 1 Motorist Assist, 1 Traffic Crash, 4 Out of Service, 1 Arrest Subject, 3 Follow Up Investigations, 1 Medical Call EMS/Assist, 22 Stationary Radar/Village Limits, 1 Check Welfare/Individuals, and 3 School Events.

- Still working on properties with tall grass. There are not many left on the list.
- 154 S. Railroad – Old Central Services Building (Owned by Rodney Stanfill) – He advised Chief that the would be getting everything out of the building so he can sell it and Chief said

he is slowly working on it. Terre Moma asked if anyone knew what shape the building was in. None of the board members knew, but Scott advised that there is no water ran to the building and could be difficult to get water ran to the building. Chief said he would be contacting Rodney regarding the tall grass/weeds toward the back of the property. Phill Jacobs asked if Rodney had been given a notice to abate and Chief said he would have to look and see if he was sent one but thinks he did. Phil asked if we could take care of the tall grass/weeds and bill Rodney for it. Scott Younger said there is a lot of debris in the tall grass/weeds so it would be a challenger. The board advised Chief to send a notice of abate to Rodney regarding the tall grass/weeds and if he does not take care of it the Village will do it and will bill him $150.00/per hour.

- Terre Moma brought up the prius at the end of Niles that has been sitting there for a while. Chief said he would look to see if he sent the owner of the vehicle a notice of abate already. It was also brought up that a letter needed to be sent to 110 N. Snell regarding their car.
- Flock Camera Positive Review – Collects data on every vehicle who passes (only captures license plates). In a 6-month timeline, 308,000 vehicles have driven through Blue Mound. On 9/1/2026, 8,100 vehicles came through town that day and on 9/11/2026, 9,200 cars came through town. Chief said this should give us encouragement to continue making the downtown area look nicer. Our flock cameras have spotted 47 stolen plates (could be the same stolen plates driving through multiple times). Chief stated that the flock cameras can also detect if sex offenders have passed through and who they are.
- Building owned by Railroad – Chief stated that he does not think Cisco is renting the building anymore. Chief will work with the Railroad to see what is going on.

Old Business:

- Tree Bids:
    - Matt & Cole Trimble just got started in the tree business and the board would like to have them give us a bid for the trees. Scott said he would contact them.
    - Scott mentioned that he needed to pick the 10 worst trees for this year and have the companies rebid them and make sure they were bidding with prevailing wage.
- New Roof on Village Hall – Scott said we are on Trimble's list to get a new roof next Spring 2027

At 7:09 p.m. Jeffery Reed Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ross Carls seconded the motion. The motion carried with all 'Aye' votes. The meeting adjourned

Approved:

Scott Younger, Village President

Katie Nashland, Village Clerk